

Washington Horse Racing Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2013

The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. at the Auburn City Council Chambers, Auburn, Washington. Present were Jeff Colliton, Chairman; Paul George, Commissioner; Dr. Everett Macomber, DVM, Commissioner; Rep. Eileen Cody, Ex-officio member; Rep. Joe Schmick, Ex-officio member; Sharon James, Assistant Attorney General; Douglas Moore, Executive Secretary; Patty Brown, Confidential Secretary.

Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 14, 2013.

Commissioner Macomber moved to adopt the minutes as submitted. Commissioner George seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Item #2. Commissioner's report.

Chairman Colliton requested Commissioner Macomber's to report on his attendance at the New Commissioner training in Saratoga Springs, New York. Dr. Macomber said he had attended not only the new commissioners training but both the Rules Committee and the Board of Director's meetings. He reported that twenty-four drugs were approved and a discussion on a universal application. A penalty database was discussed for all licensees that would contain a point system that will remain with the licensee permanently and said that Washington was one of a very few that did not agree with this type of penalty system. He attended the harness races in the evening and the thoroughbred track the next day. Commissioner Macomber felt this was a very worthwhile event to attend.

Doug Moore reported on his attendance at the Rule Committee meeting where they discussed the new reins that have been on hold for some time and continued to be tabled. Mr. Moore reported that he was not opposed to the new penalty system in theory just the way it was being proposed, the length of time points are on the books against licensees. He felt that after serving a suspension, giving the licensee the inability to redeem themselves and accumulating points that never go away, would not work. Mr. Moore said the rule did pass and that Washington would be working very closely with stakeholders on this.

Chairman Colliton said the Board of Directors did pass the rule and reiterated that each individual jurisdiction would be able to "tweak" the rule; this will be discussed again at the December meeting in Tucson.

Chairman Colliton said this is why it is so important to be present at these meetings.

Item #3. Industry reports.

a. Emerald Downs.

Sophia McKee, VP Marketing, gave the report for Ron Crockett, President who was unable to attend. She reported that Emerald Downs live wagering is up 1 percent and attendance is up 8.9 percent. There are twenty-eight nominations for the Longacres Mile for a full field of twelve for the race. Washington

Cup races will be on September 8th and all the races have been guaranteed sponsorship for a \$50,000 purse, which in turn helps the breeders by being able to be offered in "Black Type" in the sales catalog.

Ms. McKee reported on the Prodigious Fund which supports the retired race horse program.

Bob Fraser, VP Operations reported on the 3on3 basketball tournament Emerald Downs is offering that will be held on August 10th. He reported on the two new satellite locations; Kirkland and Yakima; good locations have high hopes for success. A request from Ron Maus, President, WA HBPA to have a webcam installed at the stretch for owners to tune into to watch their horse in training. Mr. Fraser's very excited to be able to offer this and said that Emerald Downs is only about the third track to do this. He spoke a bit about the Commission Appreciation Day that would be held on Saturday, August 10th.

b. WAHBPA.

MaryAnn O'Connell, Executive Director reported for Ron Maus, President who was unable to attend. Ms. O'Connell thanked the Chairman and Doug Moore for representing Washington and the horsemen at the ARCI summer meeting. She said there are major problems with the medication rules being discussed and said there is a lot of opposition by the horsemen regarding the point system.

Ms. O'Connell said the 24 drugs that were approved at the medication rules committee had been surveyed and she thanked the WA vets for responding one hundred percent.

c. WTBOA.

Dana Halvorson, President, reported the summer sale is scheduled for August 20th in conjunction with Longacres Mile week. Mr. Halvorson said they will be manning a "New Owners" booth on Longacres Mile weekend also. With support from Emerald Downs there will be two allowance races with a \$20,000 purse this next weekend with seven horse fields.

Item #4. Adoption Hearings:

a. WAC 260-48-945 123Racing Pick (n) Wager Pools.

Mr. Moore said that at the February 2013 meeting, the commissioners approved the request for a 123Racing Pick (n) Wager pools and included was the rule addressing the wager; this amendment permanently places the language into Washington Administrative Code.

Ms. McKee said this wager has been well received and there have been no issues with it.

Commissioner George moved to adopt WAC 260-48-945. Commissioner Macomber seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Five minute break (10:25 A.M.) Reconvened (10:30 A.M.)

Item #5. Hearing before the Commission.

a. Brian L. Lively WHRC 2013-05.

Chairman Colliton opened the hearing at 10:35 A.M. Representing staff Daniel R. Baker, Assistant Attorney General; Brian L. Lively, respondent. Mr. Lively upon opening of the hearing requested a continuance in order to obtain counsel. Chairman Colliton granted Mr. Lively's request and set a continuance of his hearing to September 13, 2013. Hearing was closed.

Five Minute break (10:45 A.M.) Reconvened (10:50 A.M.)

Item #6. Executive Secretary's report.

a. Wagering Recap (June/July 2013).

Mr. Moore reported on the wagering for June to be down 9.2 percent and for July down 10.6; for the calendar year down 8.1 percent and for the race year down 6.8%.

b. Monthly Financial Statement (May/June 2013).

Mr. Moore explained the revenues and expenditures and reported the fund balance for May is \$706,460; and the fund balance for June at \$697,147. Mr. Moore the June balance is an estimate at this time due to the biennium not closed yet. He felt even though the fund balance is in good shape, he is still cautious, as the most expensive months for the Commission is right now.

Commissioner George asked if it was going to be possible to subsidize the meet at Kennewick next year and Mr. Moore said hopefully we will be able to do that. Without hiring for the vacant Deputy Secretary position, the Commission is showing some savings.

Item #7. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission.

Chairman Colliton hearing none, adjourned the meeting. (11:20 A.M.)

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Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary